AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A device for fastening elongated, flat objects, in particular flat conductor strips, to a substrate, with a holder comprising a holding portion having means for securing at least one elongated, flat object, and a fastening portion ~~for fastening the holder~~, characterized by a pedestal separate from the holder and fastenable ~~separate from the holder~~ to a substrate, cooperable coupling elements ~~coordinated with each other~~ being provided on the pedestal and on the fastening portion of the holder, respectively, to attach the holder to the pedestal, wherein the pedestal has a bottom surface with spaced side walls and a rear wall all upstanding from the bottom surface to provide a recess between the bottom surface and the walls that is open at the top and at the front of the recess, and wherein the fastening portion of the holder is constructed for insertion into the recess through the open top to position the cooperable coupling elements for coupling the fastening portion of the holder to the pedestal, with the holding portion outside the recess

and extending to the fastening portion via the open front of the recess.

2. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterized in that ~~the pedestal comprises a recess to accommodate at least one fastening portion of a holder,~~ the recess ~~having~~ has grooves and/or projections on ~~at least two opposed sides~~ the side walls thereof, forming at least some of the coupling elements on the pedestal, and at least some of the coupling elements on the fastening portion of the holder ~~comprises~~ comprise projections cooperating with the grooves of the pedestal and/or grooves cooperating with the projections of the pedestal.

3. (currently amended) ~~A device according to Claim 2,~~ A device for fastening elongated, flat objects, in particular flat conductor strips, to a substrate, with a holder comprising a holding portion having means for securing at least one elongated, flat object, and a fastening portion , characterized by a pedestal separate from the holder and fastenable to a substrate, cooperable coupling elements being provided on the pedestal and on the fastening portion of the holder, respectively, to attach the holder to the pedestal,

characterized in that the pedestal comprises a recess to accommodate at least one fastening portion of a holder, the recess having grooves on at least two opposed side walls of the recess, forming at least some of the coupling elements on the pedestal, and at least some of the coupling elements on the fastening portion of the holder comprise projections cooperating with the grooves of the pedestal, and

characterized in that the grooves are parallel to each other ~~are configured in opposed side walls of the recess of the pedestal~~ and provided with at least one open end, the fastening portion of the holder having projections engaging the grooves when the holder is connected to the pedestal.

4. (currently amended) ~~A device according to Claim 2,~~ A device for fastening elongated, flat objects, in particular flat conductor strips, to a substrate, with a holder comprising a holding portion having means for securing at least one elongated, flat object, and a fastening portion , characterized by a pedestal separate from the holder and fastenable to a substrate, cooperable coupling elements being provided on the pedestal and on the fastening portion of the holder, respectively, to attach the holder to the pedestal,

characterized in that the pedestal comprises a recess to accommodate at least one fastening portion of a holder, the recess having grooves and/or projections on at least two opposed sides, forming at least some of the coupling elements on the pedestal, and at least some of the coupling elements on the fastening portion of the holder comprise projections cooperating with the grooves of the pedestal and/or grooves cooperating with the projections of the pedestal, and

characterized in that the holder is insertable with its fastening portion on the side of the pedestal away from the substrate in the recess of the pedestal by a first motion directed towards the substrate, and movable by a second motion extending transverse to said first motion into a position of engagement in which the holder is fixed to the pedestal.

5. (original) A device according to Claim 3, characterized in that the grooves have a lateral cutout and the projections of the holder, in the position of engagement connected with the pedestal, are arranged at the lateral cutouts of the grooves and there supported.

6. (original) A device according to Claim 5, characterized in that, to anchor the fastening portion of the holder in the position of engagement in the pedestal, a snap lock is provided, that becomes active when the projections of the holder are located in the cutouts of the pedestal.

7. (currently amended) ~~A device according to Claim 2,~~ A device for fastening elongated, flat objects, in particular flat conductor strips, to a substrate, with a holder comprising a holding portion having means for securing at least one elongated, flat object, and a fastening portion , characterized by a pedestal separate from the holder and fastenable to a substrate, cooperable coupling elements being provided on the pedestal and on the fastening portion of the holder, respectively, to attach the holder to the pedestal,

characterized in that the pedestal comprises a recess to accommodate at least one fastening portion of a holder, the recess having grooves and/or projections on at least two opposed sides, forming at least some of the coupling elements on the pedestal, and at least some of the coupling elements on the fastening portion of the holder comprise projections cooperating with the grooves of the pedestal

and/or grooves cooperating with the projections of the pedestal, and

characterized in that the recess of the pedestal comprises two or more segments lying in parallel planes one above another and offset from each other by a multi-step configuration of two opposed side walls of the recess, each segment being configured to accommodate a fastening portion, adapted in size to the segment in question, of a holder.

8. (original) A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the pedestal has an opening to accommodate a fastening pin projecting from the substrate with an undercut and holding means engaging the undercut of the fastening pin.

9. (original) A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the pedestal on its under side towards the substrate is provided with a mounting pin or clip insertable in an opening of the substrate.

10. (currently amended) ~~A device according to Claims 1,~~ A device for fastening elongated, flat objects, in particular flat conductor strips, to a substrate, with a holder comprising a holding portion having means for

securing at least one elongated, flat object, and a fastening portion, characterized by a pedestal separate from the holder and fastenable to a substrate, cooperable coupling elements being provided on the pedestal and on the fastening portion of the holder, respectively, to attach the holder to the pedestal, and

characterized in that the holder comprises an essentially plate-shaped base part forming the holding portion and the fastening portion arranged to lie side-by-side, the holding portion comprising a bearing surface for an elongated, flat object, guide elements at edges of the bearing surface, and a flap swingably attached to the base part and, in a locking position capable of being held fast on the base part, clamping the object arranged on the contact surface.

11. (original) A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the fastening portion of the holder, on its opposed sides adjacent to the holding portion, comprises two projections arranged at a distance from one another to engage grooves of the pedestal.

12. (currently amended) A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the holder at its end opposed to the

holding portion has a spring tongue projecting from ~~the~~ a base part and bearing a catch hook cooperating with the pedestal at its free end.

13. (original) A device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the fastening portion of the holder has a central opening.

14. (original) A device according to Claim 10, characterized in that the flap is connected to the holder by a hinge.

15. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 10, characterized in that the flap comprises cylindrical bearing pins capable of buttoning into a partially cylindrical bearing recess in the holder.

16. (original) A device according to Claim 10, characterized in that on the holder or on the flap, a snap hook is attached, cooperating respectively with a projection on the flap or on the holder.

17. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 14, characterized in that the flap has projections on the hinge

side that, in closed position of the flap, engage a recess of the holder and secure the flap additionally at the hinge against coming loose.

18. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 10, characterized in that, on the flap and/or in the bearing surface of the holder a convex rib of a soft elastic material is provided.

19. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 18, characterized in that the rib consists of an insert inserted in a slot of the holder or of the flap.

20. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 18, characterized in that the rib is produced by a two-component injection molding process jointly with the holder or with the flap.

21. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 10, characterized in that the flap comprises a lateral turn edge extending at an angle to the lengthwise direction of the object corresponding to the angle of the turn.

22. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 10, characterized in that the flap is symmetrical.

23. (currently amended) A device for fastening an object to a substrate, comprising:

a pedestal constructed for attachment to the substrate; and

a holder for the object, wherein

the holder is separate from the pedestal and has an object holding portion and a pedestal fastening portion, and wherein the pedestal and the pedestal fastening portion have cooperable coupling elements for attaching the fastening portion of the holder to the pedestal, wherein the pedestal has a bottom surface with spaced side walls and a rear wall all upstanding from the bottom surface to provide a recess between the bottom surface and the walls that is open at the top and at the front of the recess, and wherein the fastening portion of the holder is constructed for insertion into the recess through the open top to position the cooperable coupling elements for coupling the fastening portion of the holder to the pedestal, with the holding portion outside the recess and extending to the fastening portion via the open front of the recess.

24. (original) A device according to Claim 23, including a plurality of the holders, and wherein each fastening portion and the pedestal have cooperable coupling elements for attaching the fastening portion to the pedestal.

25. (original) A device according to Claim 24, wherein the fastening portions and the pedestal are constructed so that a plurality of fastening portions are received on the pedestal in a stacked configuration.

26. (original) A device according to Claim 25, wherein the fastening portions in the stacked configuration are of different sizes.

27. (original) A device according to Claim 26, wherein the cooperable coupling elements of the pedestal include steps constructed to support corresponding fastening portions.

28. (currently amended) ~~A device according to Claim 23~~ A device for fastening an object to a substrate, comprising:

a pedestal constructed for attachment to the substrate; and

a holder for the object, wherein

the holder is separate from the pedestal and has an object holding portion and a pedestal fastening portion, and wherein the pedestal and the pedestal fastening portion have cooperable coupling elements for attaching the fastening portion of the holder to the pedestal, wherein the pedestal has an opening for receiving the fastening portion of the holder, and the cooperable coupling elements are constructed so that they become effective to attach the fastening portion to the pedestal by inserting the fastening portion into the opening and then moving the inserted fastening portion in a predetermined direction.

29. (original) A device according to Claim 28, wherein the predetermined direction is transverse to a direction of insertion of the fastening portion into the opening of the pedestal.

30. (original) A device according to Claim 23, wherein the holding portion is constructed to receive and hold a substantially flat object.

31. (original) A device according to Claim 30, wherein the holding portion comprises a clamp.

32. (currently amended) ~~A device according to Claim 31~~ A device for fastening an object to a substrate, comprising:

a pedestal constructed for attachment to the substrate; and

a holder for the object, wherein

the holder is separate from the pedestal and has an object holding portion and a pedestal fastening portion, and wherein the pedestal and the pedestal fastening portion have cooperable coupling elements for attaching the fastening portion of the holder to the pedestal, wherein

the holding portion is constructed to receive and hold a substantially flat object, wherein

the holding portion comprises a clamp, and wherein

the clamp comprises a base and a flap hinged to the base and constructed to be latched thereto.

33. (original) A device according to Claim 32, wherein the flap has an edge about which the object can be bent to change the direction of the object.

34. (withdrawn) A device according to Claim 32, wherein the flap is substantially symmetrical and the flap and the base are constructed to permit either of opposite edge

portions of the flap to serve as a hinge for the flap on the base and as a latch for fixing the flap to the base.